

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, February 28, 2011, 4:30 pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers. Present at said meeting were Karen Springer, John MacDonald, Patrick Flannely, Aimee Jacobsen, Richard Shockley and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, Cheryl Kolb, and Dan Dunten represented the department. Also present was City Council President, Ann Hunt. Absent from the meeting were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Karen convened the Board at 4:32pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the January 24, 2011 meeting. Pat motioned to approve the minutes. Aimee seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing.

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- The callout meeting for coed softball will be on Thursday, March 24. League play will start on Monday, May 9. The fee for the coed league is \$350 and is open to the first thirty-six paid teams. The men's league fee is \$550 and is open to the first eight paid teams. There will be schedule conflict meetings for both leagues the third week of April.
- The 17th annual Global Fest will be held on Saturday, September 3. The committee was looking to expand onto Chauncey Street, but after looking at it and talking with the police department, we decided not to close off Chauncey Street. There are plans to try to expand and offer more items for children.
- Along with members of the City's ADA Compliance Committee, I have been out inspecting some of our facilities.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections presented
- The lounge-remodeling project at Morton is complete.
- Work continues with clean up of the storm damage in Michaud-Sinninger Woods from last year.
- Fabricating the dock and arranging the public bay at the boathouse for renters.
- Rink season ends this weekend and all of the repairs have appeared to hold up nicely throughout the season.
- Preparation of equipment for the summer is underway.

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

Riverside Skating Center update:

- The Center's annual Dare to Bear was held Friday, February 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm. One-hundred twenty-five skaters in their swimsuits braved the 25° weather. Papa John's from Purdue West provided free pizza for skaters. Fun was had by all!
- We began accepting credit cards at the rink this month.
- The Center is scheduled to remain open through the first weekend of March. The last day to skate, weather permitting, will be Sunday, March 6.
- The Second & Third grade basketball program was completed this past Saturday. Greg Tudor coached 56 second graders and 48 third graders in the basketball program.

Cumberland Principal Kim Bowers and her staff were very accommodating with this four-month program.

- We are working with the City's IT consultants to switch our Department information and software to the City's new computer server located in the Police Department. We hope to have the changeover in March.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- WALLA held another successful Pizza Party at Morton on Thursday, February 17. There were approximately 122 participants.
- Morton received delivery on a new range for the kitchen today. The new cabinets and countertops for the north wall of the kitchen should arrive and be installed next week. Once those are received and installed, that should complete the remodeling of the kitchen.
- Instructors have submitted their summer proposals. I am working with those and getting them on our calendar.

Old Business

Tommy Johnston Park Update

Joe passed around a preliminary plan for the park renovation and discussed aspects of the plan. He reported a meeting with Chauncey Cooperative is in the works for their expressed interest in helping with maintenance of the park. Joe also noted he has spoken with Tommy Johnston's son, David Johnston, who has expressed interest, along with various family members, in making donations towards the renovation project.

New Business

Waiver Policy Discussion

Andy led the discussion regarding waivers for our department, because of a suggestion from the City's insurance provider, MBAH. Discussion followed regarding the best handling of such a policy due to the many different scenarios we encounter. The item will be discussed further at the next Park Board meeting.

Softball Fields Request

Pennie presented the request from Area IV Agency on Aging and Community Action Programs, Inc., requesting our sponsorship of the 2011 Senior Games Softball Games on Saturday, June 4. The request states that our sponsorship would be the "waiver" of the \$75.00/day per field fee, field preparation, including lining, use of bases, and the emptying of trash receptacles, with no lights needed. Following discussion, the board consensus was to deny the request presented.

Riverside Skating Center Request

Tyler Hoehn, a member of the Indiana Bicycle Polo Cooperative, and representative for the Lafayette Bicycle Polo Club, presented a request to use Riverside Skating Center as the location to host a Bicycle Polo Invitational Event on Saturday, April 2. The event will

take place between the hours of 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. In this tournament, the Lafayette organization will host approximately 16 teams from across the Midwest in a one-day event. The group is only requesting use of the rink surface and dasher boards, rink lighting, and restroom facility, and will not require use of the community room. A proposed flat daily rate for the use of the facility was requested, rather than an hourly charge, due to non-use of the community room. Liability insurance for the event will be provided by the organization. Pat motioned to approve the request from the Lafayette Bicycle Polo Club for a flat fee of \$100.00 for use of the facility on Saturday, April 2. Richard seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- Since our last meeting, the School Corporation had two snow days. The 2010-2011 calendar includes four snow make-up days. Students attended school on Monday, February 21 and will attend school on Thursday, April 21. Friday, April 22 remains so far as unused snow make-up day # 3. West Lafayette spring break is the same as Purdue's, which is March 14-18.
- Most of our QSCB construction projects so far have been under budget. The DLGF (Dept. of Local Government Finance) will allow us to adjust our budget to accommodate some other building needs of our school district. Therefore, we have added the upgrading of the HVAC of the Burtsfield gym.
- Plans are underway to convert the Jr. High locker bay into a Student Technology Instructional Commons. The middle locker bays will be moved down to the music hall and up to the second floor, 12' hallways. The Instructional Commons will include technology for live feed capability from the auditorium & gymnasium, capability of skyping, power point presentations, etc. In addition to that, inclusion of a small stage area will allow classrooms to use the space for instructional purposes. It will also serve as a student lunch space and reception area for community events. The project is currently out for bid.

Wabash River

Richard noted that he and Andy attended the January 28 meeting. Work continues on the rural portion of the master plan for the river in Tippecanoe County. The plan will be presented as part of River Fest on July 9 in Tapawingo Park.

Other

n/a

Pay Claims

Richard motioned for claims to be paid. Pat seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Richard motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary